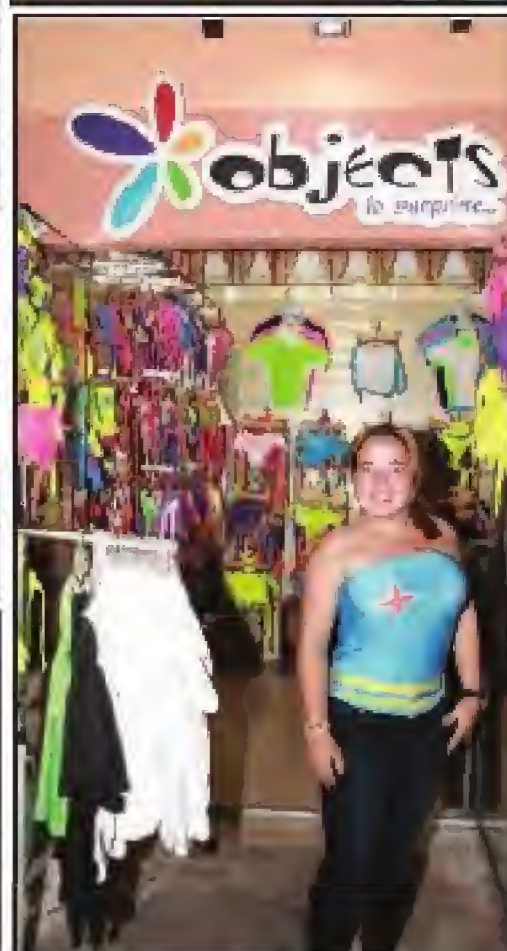


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Islanders and visitors enjoy Aruba's National Day at Paseo Herencia Mall



ORANJESTAD -- Aruba's Himno y Bandera Day, March 18, was beautifully celebrated in Palm Beach with a show of traditional music and dance in the Plaza Padu in Paseo Herencia Shopping Mall. Paseo management always takes great

pains to arrange something special for all holidays, but Aruba's national observances receive particular attention. They feel it is important to visitors with an authentic taste of island culture and full understanding of the importance of these landmark

dates.

MC Inga Dijkhoff explained the story of Aruba's "Status Aparte," the attainment of the island's autonomy within the Dutch Kingdom, and the importance of the date March 18. It was on that day in 1948 that a petition for Aruban self rule was first submitted to Queen Juliana, during round table talks in Holland. The result of those talks was the entity of the Netherlands Antilles, with Curacao being the "capital" of the six islands.

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Obama says plane search a 'top priority'

WASHINGTON (AFP) -- President Barack Obama said Wednesday the search for the missing Malaysian airliner was a "top priority" for the United States and offered every possible resource -- including the FBI.

In his first on camera comments on the mystery of Malaysia Airlines Flight 370, Obama offered thoughts and prayers to the relatives of the missing passengers.

"I want them to be assured that we consider this a top priority," Obama told Dallas television station KDFW in an interview at the White House.

"We have put every resource that we have available at the disposal of the search process," he said.

"There has been close cooperation with the Malaysian government."

Obama said the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the National Transportation Safety Board and any agency or official that deals with aviation was at the disposal of the investigation.

Malaysia has asked the FBI to help recover data deleted from a flight simulator in the home of the pilot of a missing Malaysian jet, a US official said Wednesday.

The official, who spoke to AFP on condition of anonymity, confirmed the request related to the Malaysia

Airlines Flight 370 probe -- first reported by the New York Times -- without offering further comment.

Malaysian police removed the flight simulator from Captain Zaharie Ahmad Shah's home on Saturday.

The Times quoted a senior US law enforcement official as saying that Federal Bureau of Investigation agents in Kuala Lumpur would likely make copies of the simulator's hard drive and send the contents back to analysts in the United States who specialize in retrieval of deleted computer data.

"Right now, it's the best chance we have of finding something," that official told the newspaper on condition of anonymity.

FBI investigators are aiding a team probing the disappearance of MH370, which vanished in the early hours of March 8 with 239 passengers and crew on board.

Personnel from the US National Transportation Safety Board and the Federal Aviation Administration are also helping to track down the Boeing 777.

"We have contributed a significant number of resources and assets to the search for the plane and to the investigation into what happened," White House spokesman Jay Carney told reporters on Wednesday.

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Aruba Car Collectors Assoc marks their first lustrum with Post Aruba



Commemorative Issue from Post Aruba



Envelope Ensemble

ORANJESTAD -- March 18, Aruba's National Day, is a time for many interest groups to display the objects of their obses-

sion, be it mini-boats, sports, or in the case of the Aruba Car Collectors Association (ACCA) their classic cars preserved as when they first came off the assembly line.

Founded by Marcelo Kock and others in January of 2009, they celebrated their first lustrum with a show for the public in the parking lot of PriceWaterhouse Coopers, which sponsored their new uniforms, followed by a motorcade to the Westpunt.

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ACCA Board with Jennifer Kock of the Post office and their commemorative collection

Islanders and visitors enjoy...

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Aruba finally did obtain the right to self rule and split off from the other Antillean islands in 1986. Ten years prior, a sense of self-identity and Aruban patriotism was enforced by the introduction of Aruba's own Himno (anthem) "Aruba Dushi Terra," written by Rufo Wever and Juan Chabaya "Padu" Lampe, and the nation's own flag (Bandera), on March 18, 1976. The individuals and history involved in the establishment of autonomy and the encouragement of national pride and identity, including G.F. "Betico" Croes, are chronicled on the walls and halls of the Paseo Herencia shopping mall, to view at anytime.

A packed amphitheater thoroughly enjoyed a performance by Grupo Tipico Cadushi Largo on the main stage. The program featured a full roster of typical native music, including many compositions by Padu Lampe.

The audience was also treated to the island's famous "ribbon dance" by the Grupo Folklorico Santa Cruz, in traditional dress.

This fine introduction to authentic island culture included special prices at many of the mall's restaurants, which sold their fare for Aruban florins instead of dollars, allowing a 45% discount on the menu. Favorite sweet treats were also made available at some of the venues specializing in desserts and native cuisine.

Many in the audience, including vacationers, were completely immersed in the spirit of the day. They enthusiastically displayed their Aruban flag regalia, whether it was shirts, scarves, hats or dresses, and thoroughly enjoyed "going native" to absorb and learn a bit of island history and culture offered by Paseo Herencia Shopping and Entertainment Center.

By Rosalie Klein



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Post Aruba's Jennifer Kock with the featured corvette of Rina Reyes

The Classic Car Club of America maintains that a car must be between 30 and 49 years old to be a classic, while cars between 50 and 99 fall into a pre-antique class, and cars 100 years and older fall into the Antique Class. Membership in ACCA requires the auto be at least 25 years old, kept or restored to mint condition. They now have 44 members with 60 vintage cars between them, assisting each other in finding parts and sharing their enthusiasm for a quality machine, "They just don't make them like they used to," commented one member.

Aruba's post office honored the ACCA by issuing their latest commemorative stamps designed by artist Rhona Lemminga, depicting six of their classic cars. Post

Aruba Head Marketing, Sales & Philately, Jennifer Kock, presented the board and Enrique de Cuba, standing in for ACCA President Eric de Cuba, with framed first day issue ensembles of the stamps.

The cars included in the stamp collection were on display to the public on March 18, among several others. The six special models include a pink, 1957 Ford Thunderbird convertible owned by Elena Reyes Kock. Purchased and shipped from Caracas, Venezuela in 1985, it was restored in Aruba. This was the last year a two-seater Thunderbird was manufactured by Ford. The second stamp on the top of the series from the left is a Red 1969 M.G. Midget convertible owned by Jeffrey Angela. He

obtained it on Aruba in 2011 and not only restoring the original condition, but also the color. The third stamp on the top row depicts a 1972 Dodge Charger, painted orange and black and owned by Alvin Zievinger. Ironically, the original owner purchased the car on Alvin's birth date. It was obtained in Tampa, Florida in 2010, shipped to Aruba and restored here.

The bottom row of stamps, from left to right, depicts a pink and white 1955 Ford Crown Victoria purchased in Venezuela in 1995. It was restored on Aruba by owner Clemente Vrolijk, an extreme admirer of the model, who is a member of the Crown Victoria Association of Ohio. The middle stamp is a 1973 yellow Ford Mustang convertible owned by Eric de Cuba, who purchased the car in Florida. The last in the row shows a Red 1963 Chevy Corvette Sting Ray owned by Marcelo Kock, which he obtained in Venezuela in 1985 and restored completely.

The stunning car collection attracted quite some attention while on display in the PWC parking lot and cruising down L.G. Smith Boulevard on Tuesday afternoon. The stamps and the first day issue envelope and cancellation ensemble are now on sale at the Philately desk of the Post Aruba main office in Oranjestad, across from the San Francisco Church, or at their branch office in the Palm Beach Plaza Shopping Mall.

By Rosalie Klein

Weather Update Aruba



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ARUBA – For the past few weeks, some of the finest comedians from New York have been performing in Aruba at the Aruba Marriott Resort and Stellaris Casino in the absolutely hilarious "Aruba Ray's Standup Comedy Show."

Critics have referred to the show as the "Funniest show ever in Aruba," "Aruba Ray (Ellin) is brilliant" and "This is a must see event!"

From March 21st to March 28th, an AMAZING lineup will perform every night at the Marriott at 9pm (except for Thursday). It's incredible that this event is happening in Aruba, and it's a huge win for the Marriott, to showcase top entertainment.

Appearing will be comedy star KEVIN MEANEY. Kevin was on "Saturday Night Live," starred in the sitcom "Uncle Buck," and was in the movie "Big" with Tom Hanks.

Kevin has done two HBO specials, appeared on "The Tonight Show" numerous times with BOTH Johnny Carson and Jay Leno, has appeared on "Oprah," "The David Letterman Show," and starred on Broadway in "Hairspray."

"Aruba Ray's Comedy Show" is hosted by comedian Ray Ellin. The ninety-minute event will feature Ellin, Meaney, and Moody McCarthy the 21st – 23rd, and Meaney, Ellin and DC Benny the 24th – 28th.

"Each of these comedians are truly excellent, and I'm thrilled to bring them to Aruba, which I love. I first came two years ago, and have returned every month since. It's an amazing island," said Ellin. "And the Marriott is a fantastic venue for the shows." Ray Ellin is

an accomplished performer, having appeared on numerous television programs including those on Comedy Central, NBC, ABC, and CBS, and is the host of the new "Gong Show Live," a resurrection of the classic 70's television show. He was the host of the popular talk show "Late Net," and hosted the television shows "The Movie Loft," "Brain Fuel," and "New York Now." He also produced and directed the very successful film "The Latin Legends of Comedy." Moody McCarthy has had spectacular appearances on both "The David Letterman Show" on CBS and also "The Jimmy Kimmel Show" on ABC.

DC Benny has been in several films, and has appeared on "Showtime at the Apollo," the "Late Late Show" on CBS, has had his own Comedy Central special, and has been featured in numerous television commercials. All four comics perform regularly in New York City's biggest venues.

The shows will start at 9pm. Doors will open at 8pm. Tickets for this must-see event can be purchased with CASH ONLY, and are available for purchase at the Marriott Resort lobby. As a bonus, each comedy ticket will be worth \$25 in FREE Slot Play at the Marriott Aruba Stellaris Casino!

And it will also provide a 20% discount to Marriott's Aruba La Vista restaurant.

Prices are \$34 per ticket. Seating is first come first serve!

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Aruba Doet/ Oranjefonds This Community Service Program is a Dutch Caribbean wide initiative of the Oranjefonds based on the program NL Doet in the Netherlands. This year in co-operation with CEDE Aruba and the Oranjefonds there are 132 community service projects in Aruba, 132 Community Service projects in Curacao and 66 projects in

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"We look forward to welcoming the Volunteers during the Aruba Doet Program and look forward to supporting the members of the Aruba Golf Club" said President of the Dutch Caribbean Golf Association. Mr. Maurice J.W. Janssen

To register for the Aruba Doet days you can contact Mrs. Nadine Willems Secretary of the Aruba Golf Club per email:

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For more information please visit www.dutch-caribbean-golf-association.com





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Dutch food safety inspectors slam 'disturbing' number of incidents

There has been a disturbing number of incidents involving food in the Netherlands and meat product producers in particular have a lack of ethical awareness, according to the head of the food safety body NVWA in Wednesday's *Financieele Dagblad*.

'It has become normal to go as far as you can and hope you won't get caught and that shows a blurring of standards,' the organisation's director Harry Paul told the *Financieele Dagblad*.

'This has led to a number of serious shortcomings and this delivers serious risks for the near future as well.'

Horse meat

The Dutch meat industry has been hit by a series of food scandals in recent years, including the sale of horse meat as beef and meat contaminated by faeces and banned hormones.

'Dutch food is still safe but the incidents we have come across indicate a worryingly large scale [of problems],' Harry said.

Ethical values, such as respect for animals themselves, should be more important, he said, even if that leads to lower production and exports.



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Mrs. Cheryl commented that she will never change her vacation island for any other island.

Top reason for returning provided by the honorees

were they consider Aruba to be the "Happy Island", the great weather, and Friendly Aruban Hospitality, white sand beaches and the local food. Larry also commented that they have been cleaning our beaches for 17 years, last

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Ukraine severs key ties with Russia over Crimea

KIEV (AFP) - Ukraine announced plans Wednesday to drop out of a key post-Soviet alliance and slap entry visas on Russians while also preparing for a possible Crimean withdrawal following the Kremlin's absorption of the peninsula.

Kiev's first firm response to Russia's claim to the strategic Black Sea peninsula came as a deadline expired on an ultimatum set by the acting president for Crimea's separatist leaders to release the captured head of the Ukrainian navy.

The spiralling crisis prompted the White House to warn Russia it was "creating a dangerous situation" and the NATO commander to call the Kremlin's seizure of Crimea "the gravest threat to European security and stability since the end of the Cold War".

Germany said it was suspending a major arms deal with Moscow -- a signal that Washington's EU allies were willing to take more serious punitive steps against the Kremlin despite their heavy dependence on Russian energy supplies.

But Moscow appeared ready to up the diplomatic stakes, warning Washington it was preparing a "wide range" of countermeasures should the United States follow through on threats to impose broad economic sanctions.

- Three-hour ultimatum -

Pro-Russian forces earlier seized two Crimean navy bases and detained Ukraine's naval chief as Moscow tightened its grip on the flashpoint peninsula despite Western warnings that its "annexation" would not go unpun-

ished.

Dozens of despondent Ukrainian soldiers -- one of them in tears -- filed out of Ukraine's main navy headquarters in the historic Black Sea port city of Sevastopol after it was stormed by hundreds of pro-Kremlin protesters and masked Russian troops.

The local prosecutor's office said Ukraine's navy commander Sergiy Gayduk -- appointed after his predecessor switched allegiance in favour of Crimea's pro-Kremlin authorities at the start of the month -- had been detained.

Russian Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu later urged Crimea's pro-Russian leaders to free Gayduk, but only after the expiry of a 9:00 pm (1900 GMT) deadline set by Ukraine's acting president Oleksandr Turchynov for the Crimean authorities to release the commander.

His capture was a blow to efforts by a new team of untested pro-Western leaders in Kiev to impose some authority in the face of an increasingly assertive Kremlin.

Ukraine's National Security and Defence Council chief Andriy Parubiy said Kiev had decided to withdraw from the Moscow-led Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) alliance that replaced the Soviet Union and to slap visas on Russians who sought to enter the country.

Parubiy added that Ukraine was also developing a contingency plan to withdraw Crimean servicemen and their family members "so that they could be quickly and efficiently moved to mainland Ukraine".

- Putin defiant -

A defiant President Vladimir Putin had brushed aside global indignation and Western sanctions on Tuesday to sign a treaty absorbing Crimea and expanding Russia's borders for the first time since World War II.

Russia's Constitutional Court ruled unanimously on Wednesday that the "treaty complies with the Russian constitution" after a disputed Sunday referendum in Crimea showed nearly 97 percent supporting a shift from Ukrainian to Kremlin rule. Kiev and the West have dismissed the referendum as illegal.



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Kerry angered by Israeli minister's sharp criticism

WASHINGTON (AFP) - In a rare move, Secretary of State John Kerry protested Wednesday to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu about strong criticism of US foreign policy by his outspoken defense minister.

In a telephone call, Kerry told Netanyahu the comments made by Defense Minister Moshe Yaalon are inconsistent with strong ties between Israel and the United States, State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said.

"Clearly his comments were not constructive," Psaki told reporters, after Yaalon slammed the US administration for showing weakness around the world, particularly on its policy with Iran and Ukraine.

"Secretary Kerry spoke with Prime Minister Ne-

tanyahu this morning and protested to him his concerns about these comments," she said, adding that the United States has an "unshakeable commitment" to Israel's security.

"It is certainly confusing to us why Defense Minister Yaalon would continue his pattern of making comments that don't accurately represent the scope of our close partnership on a range of security issues and on the enduring partnership between the United States and Israel."

But Kerry has a "thick skin" and "we're ready to move forward and keep talking about the peace process," Psaki added.

It is not Yaalon's first diatribe against the administration of President Barack Obama and Kerry himself.

In January, the State Department denounced as "of-

fensive" comments made by the defense minister accusing Kerry of an "incomprehensible obsession" with his push for Middle East peace.

Yaalon was later forced to apologize to the top US diplomat, who has been trying to hammer out for the past year a comprehensive peace treaty between Israel and the Palestinians.

Psaki refused to divulge what Netanyahu's response was on Wednesday's call, nor whether Kerry had asked the Israeli prime minister to fire Yaalon.

Netanyahu's office would not comment on the call, but Israeli news website Ynet said the premier had spoken to Yaalon about the matter and that a source in the defense minister's office said Yaalon was "expected to smooth things over with the Americans."

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Putin orders road and rail bridge to Crimea

MOSCOW (AFP) - Russia will build a rail and road bridge from Crimea to southern Russia, President Vladimir Putin said Wednesday, confirming the long-planned project would go ahead after Russia seized the peninsula.

The bridge would allow Russia to deliver people and cargoes directly to Crimea without going through mainland Ukraine. Currently there is only a basic car and pedestrian ferry service across the 4.5 kilometre (2.8 mile) wide Kerch strait.

Transport minister Maxim Sokolov earlier this week estimated the project would cost a minimum 50 billion rubles (\$1.4 billion) and take at least three-and-a-half years.

Sokolov told Putin that Russia was also studying the option of building a rail tunnel under the seabed, where he said there were "complex geological and hydrological conditions."

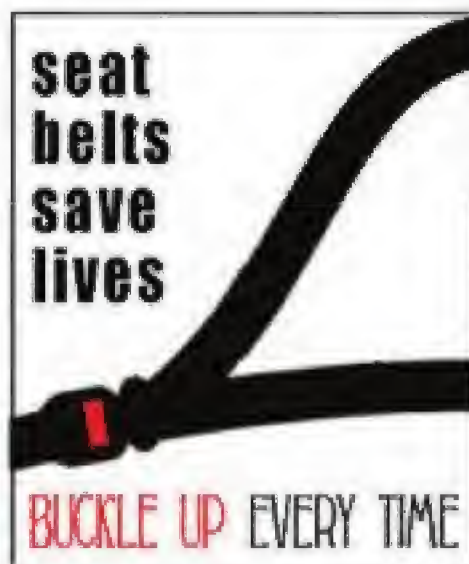
A spokesman for state monopoly Russian Railways, cited by RIA Novosti news agency, said the company was "ready to take part in developing the project".

Early this month, Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev put federal road agency Rosavtodor in charge of the bridge project.

The project had been agreed in December between Russia and the former Ukrainian government of now ousted president Viktor Yanukovich.

A bridge between the Crimean town of Kerch and the long Chushka spit on the Taman peninsula in Russia's Krasnodar region has been envisioned for decades since the Soviet era.

In the 1990s, a new bridge was lobbied for by then-mayor of Moscow Yuri Luzhkov, with reports estimating the cost at about \$1 billion at the time.



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Russia's expulsion from G8 must be discussed: Cameron



LONDON (AFP) - British Prime Minister David Cameron said Wednesday that G7 nations meeting next week must discuss the permanent expulsion of Russia from the wider G8 if it takes further action to destabilise Ukraine.

US President Barack Obama has called for a G7 summit -- minus current G8 chairman Russia -- on the sidelines of a nuclear security summit in The Hague on Monday and Tuesday to discuss the escalating showdown over Russia's absorption of Crimea.

"I think it's important we move together with our allies and partners, and I think we should be discussing whether or not to expel Russia permanently from the G8 if further steps are taken," Cameron told parliament. "That's the meeting we'll have on Monday and I think that's the right way to proceed."

Cameron was responding to

questions from opposition Labour leader Ed Miliband, in a rare mention of foreign policy during the weekly prime minister's questions session in Britain's lower house of parliament.

The premier said any move by Russia beyond Crimea into eastern Ukraine should also result in the "toughest possible" economic and diplomatic sanctions.

During a telephone conversation with German chancellor Angela Merkel, the two leaders agreed that the EU should keep working to deter Russia from further destabilising Ukraine.

"They reaffirmed their support for the Ukrainian government and agreed that the international community should be doing all it can to provide economic assistance to the authorities in Kiev during this difficult time," said a statement from Cameron's office.

Cameron earlier told parliament that Britain had been one of the first countries to suspend involvement in preparatory meetings for the G8

summit due to be held in June in the Russian Winter Olympic resort of Sochi.

He said he would push for further European Union sanctions at a meeting in Brussels on Thursday, following the imposition of travel bans and

asset freezes on Monday against Russian and Crimean officials.

Britain on Tuesday announced that it had suspended all military cooperation with Russia and halted export licences for military material.

Madeleine McCann police seek sex attacker

LONDON (AFP) - Detectives investigating the disappearance of British girl Madeleine McCann in Portugal said Wednesday they were looking for a lone intruder who sexually abused five girls after breaking into holiday villas. The tanned, dark-haired man is suspected of breaking into 12 properties where British families were staying in the Algarve between 2004



and 2010, the Metropolitan Police said. In four of the incidents, girls aged between seven and 10 were sexually assaulted while they were in their beds. In one case two girls were assaulted in the same villa. The attacks happened between 2004 and 2006, before Madeleine vanished from a holiday apartment in 2007, days before her fourth birthday. Police believe there are striking similarities between the break-ins. In most cases there were no signs of forced entry to the property and the intruder appeared between 2:00am and 5:00am. The man, who spoke English with a foreign accent, remained calm even when he was disturbed.

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Swedish test may boost pancreatic cancer survival rates

STOCKHOLM (AFP) - Swedish researchers have developed a new method for diagnosing pancreatic cancer at a much earlier stage than currently possible, the University of Gothenburg said Tuesday.

The test detects the first signs of the deadly disease with 97 percent accuracy, which researchers hope will help improve the low survival rate among those diagnosed.

Only five percent of patients with pancreatic cancer survive more than five years after their diagnosis as tumours often develop unnoticed and spread to other organs before being detected.

"We are very hopeful that the method will enable more instances of early dis-



covery of pancreatic cancer at a stage when the cancer can be treated or prevented," Karolina Jabbar, part of the research team at the Sahlgrenska Academy, said in a statement.

"Thanks to this analysis, we can see at what stage the cancer is," she told AFP.

The test works like a normal endoscopy, where a tube is placed inside a patient's mouth and then fed down into the stomach.

"The difference is that the tube takes ultra sound (images) so you can see the organ much better and then you can take off fluids," said Jabbar.

The procedure is not only expected to help detect cancers early but also reduce the risk of unnecessary surgery.

Existing tumours can be tested with the method, with an accuracy rate of about 90 percent, making it easier to determine if a patient needs immediate surgery.

No maternity leave for women using surrogates: EU top court



LUXEMBOURG (AFP) - Women who use surrogate mothers to have a child do not have a legal right to maternity leave when the baby is born, the European Court of Justice ruled.

The European Union's highest court said EU "law does not establish a right to paid leave equal to maternity leave or adoption leave" for women having a child by a surrogate.

At the same time, EU member states are free to apply more accommodating rules if they choose to do so, it added.

The court was considering two cases: one of a British woman who could not get pregnant and had a child, fathered by her husband but carried by another woman and using another woman's egg.

The husband and wife were subsequently given full parental rights over the child with the consent of the surrogate mother.

In the second case, a woman in Ireland who was fertile but had no uterus, used a surrogate mother in California. She and her husband were the child's full biological parents and recognised as such under US law.

In both cases, however, when the women asked for maternity leave so as to look after their babies, their employers turned them down on the grounds that neither had gone through a pregnancy or adopted their children.

Reviewing the cases against EU legislation on conditions for working mothers, fair treatment and physical handicap, the court said it could find no grounds to say that such a refusal of maternity leave breached EU law.

The relevant 1992 law stated that maternity leave must be granted to a woman "who has been pregnant and who has given birth to a child," it noted.

Tamiflu cuts flu death risk by 25 percent: study



PARIS (AFP) - The anti-virus drug Tamiflu reduced the risk of death from flu by a quarter among adults who took it during the 2009-2010 H1N1 influenza pandemic, a study said. The findings, published in The Lancet on Wednesday, should be a useful guide to doctors weighing options for treating flu, the authors said. The research collated data from 78 studies, covering more than 29,000 patients in 38 different countries, admitted to hospital during the H1N1 flu scare. A novel flu strain, H1N1 initially stoked fears of a massive death toll in line with flu pandemics of the previous century. But the strain turned out to be far less lethal, with a mortality rate similar to that of annual, or "seasonal", strains of flu. Tamiflu -- lab name oseltamivir -- is the most widely used of two front-line drugs used to fight flu by inhibiting viral replication. There was no significant impact on risk among children given the drug. The Lancet is a peer-reviewed journal, meaning that papers are vetted by external experts before publication.

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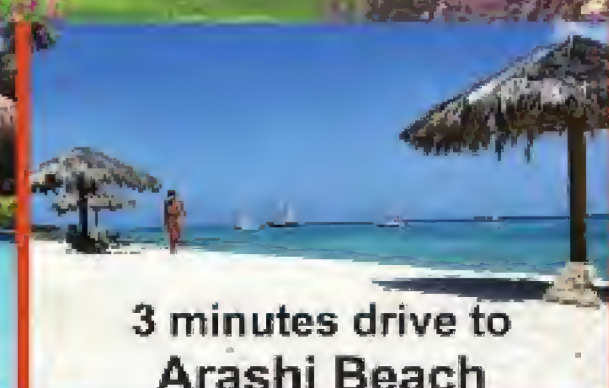


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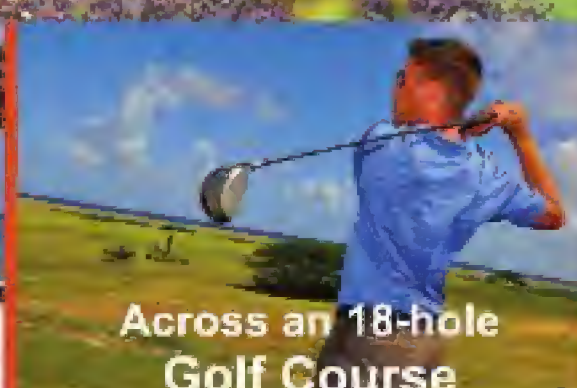
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Crowe and 'Noah' filmmakers attend papal audience

ROME (AFP) - Hollywood's Russell Crowe, star of the big budget biblical epic "Noah", attended Pope Francis's general audience in St. Peter's Square on Wednesday, but did not get the pontiff to agree to a screening of the film.

The actor famed for playing a Roman gladiator in Ridley Scott's 2000 film tweeted pictures of himself at the audience with the makers of the blockbuster, appearing pleased to be back in "a city where they treat me like a prodigal son".

"Ciao Roma, my love for your eternal light just grows deeper. Thank you holy father for the blessing," he said on Twitter.

Paramount, the studios behind the film, had reportedly been hoping to arrange a screening of the film and private audience for the makers with the pope, but Vatican spokesman Federico Lombardi said he had no knowledge of the request.

The film has already angered some Christian institutions in the United States, with Crowe's reportedly unconventional portrayal of the pre-flood patriarch.

Egypt's top Islamic body has also slammed it as irreligious and said it should not be screened in the country.

"Noah", which also stars Emma Watson, Anthony Hopkins and Jennifer Connelly, is released in the United States on March 28.

The huge success of the film "Gladiator" saw a spike in the number of visitors to Rome's Colosseum, from one million people a year, to around six million.

Rihanna, Eminem team up for summer 'Monster' tour

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - R&B superstar Rihanna and hip hop chart-topper Eminem are hitting the road together this summer for a string of joint stadium concerts, promoter Live Nation announced Wednesday.

The pair will kick off their Monster Tour at the Rose Bowl in Los Angeles on August 7, before proceeding to New York on August 16 and Eminem's hometown Detroit on August 22.

Tickets go on sale March 28 to the general public, with pre-



sales beginning on Thursday, Live Nation said in a statement that did not specify



whether additional dates are in the pipeline.

"At this time, those are the

only confirmed dates," Live Nation spokesman Victor Trevino told AFP by email.

Eminem and Rihanna have collaborated four times in the recording studio in the course of their musical careers, most recently on "The Monster" off the rapper's latest album, "The Marshall Mathers LP 2."

Eminem hasn't performed in concert in the United States since a Lollapalooza gig in Chicago three years ago. Rihanna meanwhile is starting work on her eighth album on


the heels of her 2013 Diamonds World Tour.

Last year, Justin Timberlake and Jay-Z premiered their Legends of the Summer Stadium Tour in London before going on to perform together before sell-out crowds in 14 US and Canadian cities.

This year has seen rock legends Sting and Paul Simon on tour together, while Kiss and Def Leppard announced Monday they'll be sharing the bill for the first time on a 42-city North American tour that starts June 23 in Utah.

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Google expands Android platform to wearables

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Google said it was bringing Android to wearable devices, as LG and Motorola start the countdown to Internet-enabled watches based on the dominant platform for smartphones.

The move allows developers to create apps for smartwatches, the first phase of the Android Wear platform.

Two manufacturers -- LG Electronics and Motorola -- quickly jumped on the bandwagon.

The news comes amid a surge of interest in wearable electronics which can connect with smartphones, and after the launch of several smart watches by large and small manufacturers.

In Seoul, LG Electronics said it would launch by the end of June its first Internet-enabled smartwatch powered by Google's new operating system, tapping into the nascent but growing market for wearable devices. Its engineers worked closely with Google, LG said.

A rough image of the watch unveiled by the firm showed a black screen displaying time and what looks like an upcoming flight schedule.

Motorola also said on its

blog site it would make a similar watch available this summer, starting in the United States.

A typical smartwatch allows users to make calls, receive texts and emails, take photos and access apps.

The new Android Wear system will make it easier to develop apps specifically for a watch or other wearable device.

They said the platform would help facilitate apps that provide news and information, allow chats, monitor health and fitness or help in shopping. The system will enable voice-controlled apps and connect to a smartphone or other device.

Samsung's new smartwatch, the Gear 2, which was launched in February is powered by the Tizen operating system developed by the South Korean giant along with other partners.

Global smartwatch sales are expected to grow this year by more than 500 percent from 1.9 million units in 2013, and to expand further in coming years, according to the market researcher Strategic Analytics.

Google said separately it was expanding its Google Play catalog of films and other content for purchase or rental to 39 new countries in Europe, Latin America, Africa and Asia.



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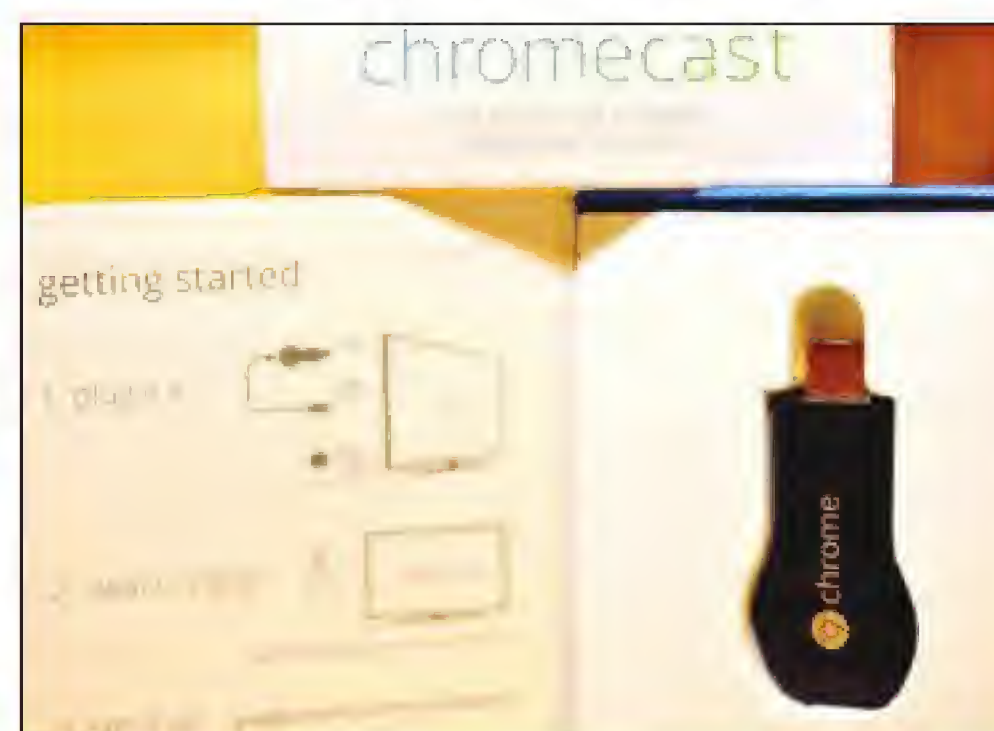


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Google Chromecast hits Europe, with a new way to watch TV



PARIS (AFP) - Gone are the days of squinting at your smartphone as you try to make out what is happening in your favourite film.

On Wednesday, eight months after the American release, Google launched its latest innovation -- Chromecast -- in Europe and Canada, a small device the size of a finger which allows you to transfer online video content from a mobile device onto an HD television.

According to the Internet giant, the device has done well in the US, with "millions" sold to date, although it has not revealed a precise figure.

Wednesday saw the device released in ten European countries -- Germany, Denmark, France, Spain, Finland, Italy, Norway, the Netherlands, Sweden and Britain -- as well as in Canada. Google is also now opening up the platform to developers, with 3,000 already signed up to create content.

The Chromecast device plugs into a television through an HDMI port, then communicates with a smartphone, tablet, or laptop over the wifi network.

Click the small icon, and you can send videos from your mobile device to your television, or use your smartphone as a remote control.

The device means consumers will be able to watch everything from cat videos on

YouTube to feature films on Netflix. Content will also vary by country. In the UK, viewers can use the device to watch programmes from the BBC, in France, they can use it for FranceTV Pluzz and SFR TV.

While there have been other devices to connect televisions to mobile devices before, such as Apple's Air Play, Google is betting that the simplicity of its device, its size, and price -- it sells for 35 euros (\$49) will win over the market.

It is also proud of the way Chromecast allows users to "multitask" -- it is possible to send mails and use other applications while watching television.

"Chromecast is the easiest way to bring your favorite online movies, shows, music and more to the TV screen," said Mario Queiroz, director of product management at Google. "It should be easy for people to watch the content they want wherever they are."

According to rumours, online shopping giant Amazon will also release its own television-smartphone interface next month.

Pascal Lechevallier, the founder of What's Hot, a consultancy which specialises in new media, said the device was a great way for multi-channel networks on YouTube to be watched on the home's main television.



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Netherlands	EUR	230.59	232.69	250.29
Sweden	SEK	25.91	26.63	28.59
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'Building sector job creation is forcing firms to cut regular jobs'

THE HAGUE - Council construction projects often require building firms to take on local unemployed people at the expense of their own workers, the Volkskrant reports on Wednesday.

Construction sector firms told the Volkskrant the pressure on regular staff will be even greater thanks to a national plan to help youngsters and the long-term unemployed get work in the building trade.

In particular, civil engineering groups are under pressure because they are almost entirely dependent on government contracts, the paper says.

But in order to win these

deals, they are required to ensure part of the work is done by local jobless people through what is known as a 'social return on investment' deal. This means companies' own staff are being squeezed out.

The national plan involves providing 2,500 places for apprentices and a further 500 jobs for the long-term unemployed, but ministers say this should not lead to people already in work losing their jobs.

However, Tilburg University economics professor Ronald Dekker told the paper: 'No extra bridges or roads are being built, so the same amount of work has to be spread among more people.'

Dutch state owes millions to Dutch Indonesians

THE HAGUE - The Netherlands owes millions of euros to the 380,000 Dutch forced to flee the former Dutch East Indies between 1950 and 1970 and banks and insurance companies also owe them a considerable debt, writes the Volkskrant. The claim is made by journalist Griselda Molemans whose book 'Opgevangen in andijvlucht' (Welcomed by the smell of endive) chronicles the repatriation of thousands of Dutch Indonesians to the Netherlands. Many had lost the paper work relating to bank accounts and life insurances in the confusion surrounding the Japanese occupation and the Indonesian revolution and so were unable to claim what was theirs.

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Toyota to pay US \$1.2 billion over defect cover-up

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Toyota Motor Corp. will pay \$1.2 billion to settle US criminal charges that it lied to safety regulators and the public as it tried to cover-up deadly accelerator defects. The Japanese auto giant eventually recalled 12 million vehicles worldwide in 2009 and 2010 at a cost of \$2.4 billion as the scandal over sudden, unintended acceleration spread and tarnished its once-stellar reputation. Dozens of deaths were blamed on the defects which caused vehicles to speed out of control and fail to respond to the brake. In reaching the settlement, Toyota admitted that it lied when it insisted in 2009 that it had addressed the "root cause" of the problem by fixing floor mats that could trap the accelerator. As part of the cover-up, Toyota scrapped plans to fix the "sticky pedal" defect in the United States and instructed employees and its parts supplier not to put anything about the design changes in writing. Toyota eventually revealed the sticky pedal problems and recalled millions of affected vehicles. But it continued to try to cover its tracks by lying to the public, safety regulators and even a US congressional hearing about when the problem was discovered, the settlement agreement said.



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Google, Facebook drive gains in mobile advertising

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The market for mobile device advertising doubled in 2013 to \$17.9 billion and is on pace for strong gains this year, led by Facebook and Google, a market tracker said Wednesday.

The research firm eMarketer said mobile ad spending increased 105 percent last year and is expected to jump another 75 percent in 2014 to more than \$34 billion.

Facebook and Google grabbed the lion's share of the market -- combining for some \$6.92 billion in net mobile ad

revenues in 2013.

Google remained far ahead of its rivals, but saw its market share dip to 49.3 percent in 2013 from 52.6 percent in 2012, eMarketer said.

The biggest gains came from Facebook, whose market share jumped to 17.5 percent from 5.4 percent a year earlier.

Twitter also saw strong gains but its share was a modest 2.4 percent from 1.5 percent in 2012.

For 2014, eMarketer sees Google at 46.8 percent, Facebook at 21.7 percent and Twitter at 2.6 percent.

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The huge growth in mobile ads show why these companies are concentrating on their mobile platforms.

According to eMarketer, just 11 percent of Facebook ad revenues worldwide came from mobile in 2012, but last year, that figure jumped to 45 percent and the figure will be around 63 percent this year.

Google is expected to get a third of its ad revenue from mobile this year, up from 23 percent in 2013, the report said.

US stocks fall as Fed hints at higher rates

NEW YORK (AFP) - US stocks dropped after Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen offered a rough time-table for when the central bank could raise benchmark interest rates.

At the closing bell, the Dow Jones Industrial Average slid 113.12 points (0.69 percent) to 16,233.07.

The broad-based S&P 500 fell 11.41 (0.61 percent) to

1,860.84, while the tech-rich Nasdaq Composite Index declined 25.71 (0.59 percent) to 4,307.60.

Stocks did not move significantly after the Fed's initial policy announcement at 1800 GMT, which, as expected, continued a plan to trim back stimulus.

But a remark from Yellen during a news conference rattled markets, sending the Dow as low as 16,336.19 before stocks pared losses.

Yellen said the time-frame for raising interest rates could be "on the order of around six months" after the stimulus ends.

Michael James, managing director of equity trading at Wedbush Securities, said the time-frame suggested the shift from an era of extremely low rates would come "sooner than the market had been expecting."

But Hugh Johnson of Hugh Johnson Advisors said the market misinterpreted the remark.

"The knee-jerk response of the markets was an overreaction," Johnson said.

The sell-off eased when markets concluded "that she didn't say anything that was significantly different from what the market expected," Johnson said.

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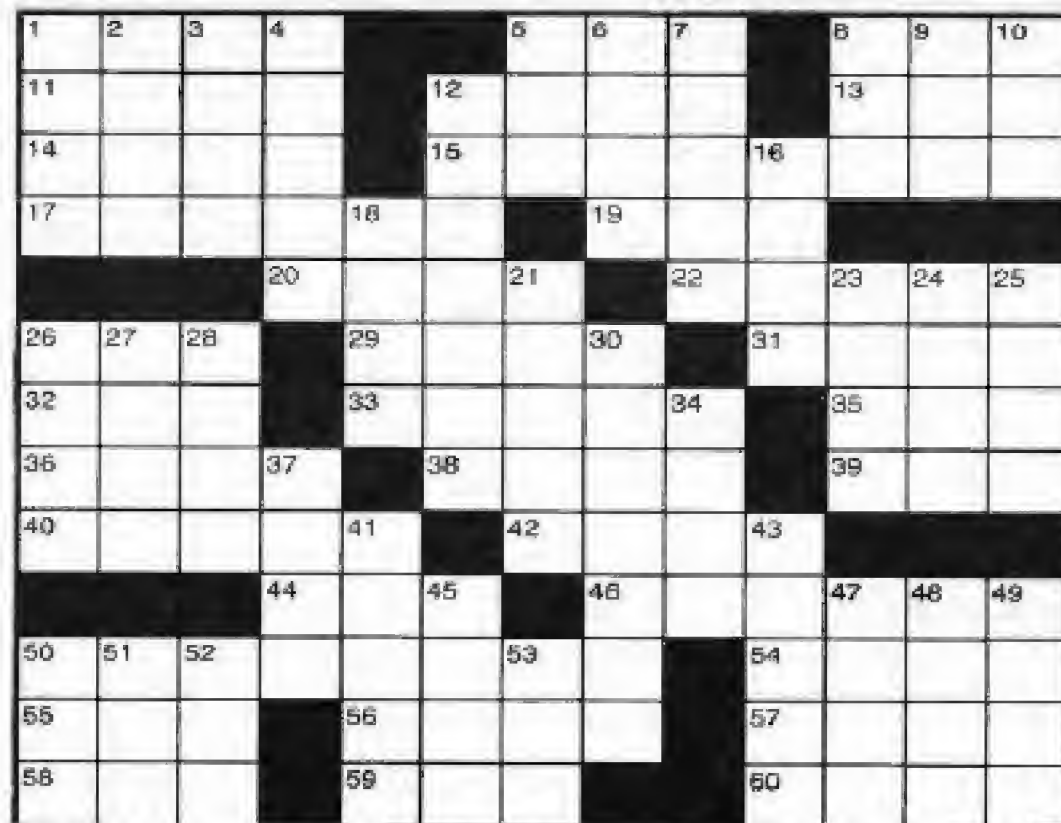
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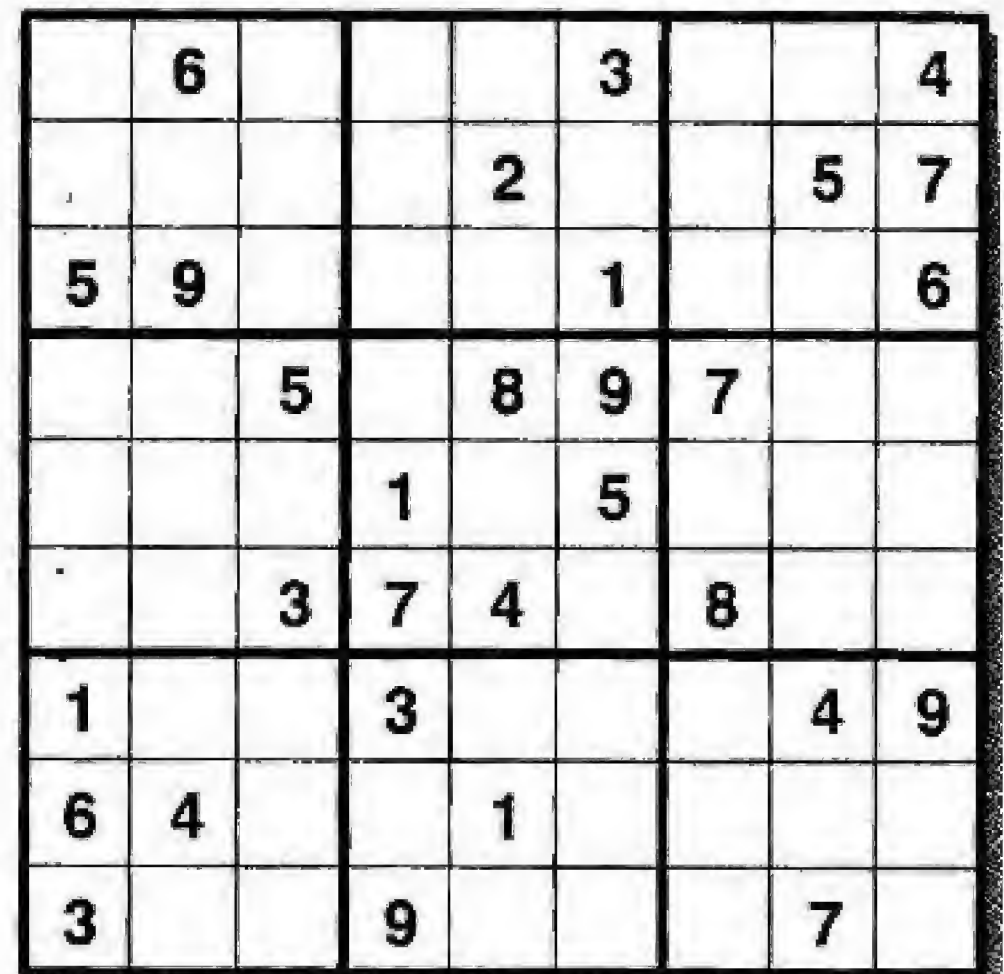
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"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 8am, patrons can now order 2

eggs any style (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) and toast for a price of only \$4.99 or All You Can Eat Pancakes for \$6.99! A new plate called the "Home Run" comes with 2 eggs, bacon or sausage, 2 pancakes, toast & home fries - for only \$9.99! Best of all - unlimited coffee or tea - that is, refillable and never ending is only \$.79! Breakfast is served from 8am until noon. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on, after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie, so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice

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heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner to sit and chat, sharing their knowledge of the island while making sure patrons are happy with their meal.

Football: Van Persie rescues United in Champions League

MANCHESTER (AFP) - Robin van Persie scored a hat-trick as Manchester United kept their season alive by storming back to beat Olympiakos 3-0 and reach the Champions League quarter-finals on Wednesday.

United were left on the brink of elimination after losing the first leg of the last 16 tie 2-0, but on a stirring night at Old Trafford the Dutchman's treble took them into the last eight for the first time since 2011.

It was the first time United had ever overturned a two-goal deficit in the competition and made them only the sixth team to have clawed back a disadvantage of two goals or more in the Champions League era.

Victory was far from straightforward, however, with United goalkeeper David de Gea notably producing a fine double save shortly before Van Persie levelled the tie in first-half injury time.

United's progress will ease the pressure on Moyes, whose position was the subject of intense press speculation prior to



Robin van Persie played the hero on Wednesday, netting a hat-trick in Manchester United's comeback victory over Olympiakos in the Champions League.

kick-off, but he will remain under scrutiny over the season's closing weeks.

The one-sided loss to Liverpool left United 12 points outside the top four in the Premier League, meaning that they may have to qualify for next season's Champions League by winning the current edition.

Van Persie's evening ended

on a sour note, as he was stretchered from the field in the latter stages after going down holding his leg, but Moyes played down the extent of his injury.

"I don't think it's too bad," he said. "We'll know more in the morning, but it looked like he got a knee in the back of his knee."

Golf: Masters on minds of many at Arnie's Bay Hill bash

ORLANDO (AFP) - Sweden's Henrik Stenson, the reigning US PGA playoff and European Tour Race to Dubai champion, enters this week's Arnold Palmer Invitational at Bay Hill with the Masters in his thoughts.

The year's first major showdown, set for April 10-13 at Augusta National, is the only major at which Stenson has yet to crack the top 10.

"I think it's there all the time in the back of your mind," Stenson said. "I would have liked to be maybe a little bit more up and running, but on

the other hand it can be a good thing as well.

"All you need is a good week. All you need to get going. It could happen pretty quickly. And we've got still some time. I don't think the motivation should be a problem when we get there."

Stenson, who will play alongside England's Ian Poulter and American Keegan Bradley for the first two rounds, was second at last year's British Open and third at the 2013 PGA Championship and will scout out Augusta National before playing next

week at Houston.

While he has not cracked the top 15 in three US events this season, Stenson does feel his mental game is coming around after coping with last year's success.

"It's harder to keep your mind where you want it to be if you're a little tired and a little slow. Hopefully we can turn that around," Stenson said.

For players who are not yet qualified for the Masters, the next two weeks represent a chance to make the field by winning or jumping up in the rankings.



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Pele memorabilia up for pre-Cup auction



RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - A Brazilian football fan hopes to net thousands of dollars from the auction of Pele memorabilia, including the shirt the legend wore for his last appearance in a Brazil shirt, media reported Wednesday. The fan, 38-year-old Marcos Batista, is selling off around 100 items he has collected over 30 years, including stamps commemorating Pele's 1,000th goal, figurines, picture albums and comics. The shirt's list price is 4,000 reais (\$1700) with the next most expensive lot a poster in Spanish promoting a 1962 documentary on the star, who won his first World Cup aged 17 four years earlier. The asking price for the 'King Pele' poster is 3,000 reais, Folha de Sao Paulo reported.

Ukraine still hosts of Euro 2015



KIEV (AFP) - Ukraine will still host the 2015 European basketball championships, organisers said Wednesday, despite earlier indications that the tournament would be switched due to the tense political situation in the country. Local media had claimed that Ukrainian sports authorities would withdraw from staging the 2015 championships. Lubkivsky had added that taking into consideration the circumstances in the country, Ukraine should ask FIBA to entrust another European country with the right to stage the 2015 European championships.

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NBA: Heat star James on fire In Cleveland return

CLEVELAND (AFP) - LeBron James was unstoppable in his return to his former home, putting on a first-quarter shooting display that set the tone for Miami as the Heat beat Cleveland 100-96 on Tuesday.

James stormed out of the gate in his sixth contest back in Cleveland, scoring 25 of his 43 points in the opening quarter for the Heat at Quicken Loans Arena.

The 29-year-old tallied 16 points before missing a shot and drained his first four shots from beyond the arc.

He was 10-of-11 from the floor and knocked down five of his six tries from three-point range in the first quarter.

James finished with 31 points in the first half and 14-of-19 from the field for the



game to go with six rebounds and four assists for Miami, who have won two in a row after a 1-5 tailspin.

Chris Bosh had 12 of his 21 points in the fourth quarter in the triumph.

Dion Waiters finished with 17 points and 11 assists for the Cavaliers, who were playing their first game without star Kyrie Irving. Cleveland has

dropped six of their last eight games.

All-Star game MVP Irving will miss at least two weeks with a left bicep injury suffered in Sunday's loss to the Los Angeles Clippers.

Miami have won all three contests this season with Cleveland and are 13-1 against the Cavaliers since James left for south Florida in the summer of 2010.

The Cavaliers made the Heat work for the victory as the game was tied 79-79 at the end of the third and 88-88 with 3:43 left in the fourth.

Bosh drained a three-pointer to put Miami up 93-88. Anderson Varejao then made a layup for Cleveland, but James hit two foul shots to make it 95-90 with just over a minute remaining.

James also scored on four of his late free throws to seal the outcome.

Exciting activity during 2014 South American Games



ORANJESTAD - After many years the sport of athletics has an athlete competing in the regional games.

Last Friday afternoon the long jump athlete, Quincy Brell, had some action in the National Stadium of Santiago de Chile. Last year, Quincy competed in the Dutch athletic Competition.

He also competed in the Belgium competition where he established a record for Aruba in the long jump of 7.46m.

In Quincy's first attempt he jumped high, but due to a technical error, his jump was not considered valid.

Quincy had two more tries, and in the end he jumped 6.90m in a long jump and

ended up at 12th place among 13 competitors.

A Panamanian, Irving Saladino won the competition with a jump of 8.16m. Quincy is determined to do better next time, and is intent on outperforming his competitors.



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Russia, Ukraine to clash in boxing ring



LAUSSANE (AFP) - The International Boxing Association (AIBA) said that the World Series of Boxing (WSB) quarter-final first leg between Russia against Ukraine will take place in the Russian capital on March 30 with the return on April 4 in Donetsk. Should Russia prevail over the two nights, they could face the United States, who face Cuba in their last-eight tie, for a place in the final in what would be another politically-charged clash. Both Russia and Ukraine boast major talents in their ranks, especially in the light-heavyweight division.

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Government congratulates Stuart Smit for Bronze medal



ORANJESTAD - The Minister of Sports and Public Health, Dr. Alex Schwengle, received the good news from the South American Games in Chile that young Aruban, Stuart Smit won a bronze medal in the 80-kilo category in the Taekwondo sport.

The Minister enthusiastically congratulated Smit for representing Aruba with such tremendous results. Smit received lots of praise from the audience during his different fights. He even received standing ovations for his performances.

Stuart Smit was the only Aruban to represent Aruba in the Taekwondo Sport. This is



the also the last year that he can represent Aruba at the South American Games due to his age. Smit did tremen-

dously for his last performance.

In Monterey, Mexico under training of former Aruba



Coach, Julio Ramos and his own Coach Teo Rodriguez, he gave his all during the competition in Chile. The Bronze medal that Smit won last Sunday is the third medal won at the South American Games during his career.

Aruba is proud of Stuart Smit! He was encouraged by the Minister to continue with the same energy and determination. Stuart is an inspiration and excellent example to other young people.

Pabien y Danki Stuart.